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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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**TSAI ET AL.** )  
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Serial No. 09/474,634 )  
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Filed: **December 29, 1999** )  
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For: **Biodegradable Thermoplastic Nonwoven** )  
**Webs For Fluid Management** )

Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: **PRATT, C.**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 22, 2002, a Response which is due on August 22, 2002, the present Amendment is submitted for a Continued Prosecution Application in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 22, 2002. Applicants request examination in light of the following amendments and remarks.

A check in the amount of \$740.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for the Continued Prosecution Application. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$54.00 to cover the cost for three additional claims.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. EV 041602305 US addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box CPA, Washington, DC 20231 on **August 22, 2002**.

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